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THE FOLLOWING FUEL DATA OBTAINED ON ART 382, 22 APRIL 65 AT PLUS
20 PROFILE. CONFIG WAS [REDACTED] WITHOUT PODS OR
SLIPPERS. OAT VS EGT SCHEDULE FLOWN.

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A. GROSS WT AT T/O - 21012 LBS.

B. FUEL LOAD AT T/O - 1040 GALS.

C. ENGINE S/N P-610939. FUEL CONTROL S/N 18453

D. CG WITH ZERO FUEL LOAD - 26.98 PER CENT.

E. GREEN CARD DATA AS FOLLOWS:

T/O	FUEL						MAG
PLUS	REM	ALT	OAT	EGT	FF	DIST	CRSE
T/O	1040 0		-	-	-	-	-
0:18	840	10	-40	485	1220	97	050
0:29	808	16	-38	600	1060	167	065
0:59	722	18.6	-38	605	1050	367	059
1:23	656	19.5	-38	605	1030	524	061
1:35	622	19.8	-37	610	1030	604	062

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1:40	612	20	-33	606	1010	635	201
1:50	584	20	-33	606	1000	702	193
1:57 1/2	564	20	-35	604	990	752	146
2:20	506	20	-35	588	950	900	247
2:30	482	20	-35	584	930	964	356
2:51	432	20	-35	562	880	1091	120
2:59	414	20	-35	562	880	1142	230
3:29	344	20	-37	548	860	1339	230
3:41	318	20	-	-	-	1420	211
3:57	282	20	-	-	-	1524	301

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4:08 257

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4:23 227

END OF MSG

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EDWARDS AFB, CALIF.--A HIGH ALTITUDE AIR FORCE U2 SIMILAR TO THE TYPE WHICH HAS FLOWN SKY SPY MISSIONS IN THE PAST CRASHED TODAY ON A TEST FLIGHT, KILLING A LOCKHEED TEST PILOT.

THE CRASH AREA THREE MILES NORTH OF THIS BASE WAS BLOCKED OFF. ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REFERRED ALL INQUIRIES TO LOCKHEED CALIFORNIA CO. LOCKHEED BUILT THE U2 AND STILL CONDUCTS TESTS FOR WEATHER EXPLORATION AND OTHER FACTORS.

THE PLANE WAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN WHICH FRANCIS GARY POWERS WAS SHOT DOWN OVER COMMUNIST TERRITORY IN 1960.

POWERS WAS TRIED AS A SPY BUT WAS LATER RELEASED AND PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE WENT TO WORK FOR LOCKHEED ON ITS U2 PROGRAM.

HOWEVER, IT WAS LEARNED POWERS WAS NOT AT THE CONTROLS OF THE PLANE IN TODAY'S ACCIDENT.

OTHER U2S HAVE BEEN USED FOR MISSIONS OVER CUBA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. CHINESE NATIONALISTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO FLY THEM.

IN A BRIEF PREPARED STATEMENT, LOCKHEED ANNOUNCED:

"AN AIR FORCE U2 FLOWN BY A LOCKHEED TEST PILOT CRASHED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON NEAR EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE DURING A ROUTINE TEST FLIGHT. THE PILOT WAS INJURED FATALLY. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PILOT WAS WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN."

ASKED TO DEFINE WHAT A ROUTINE TEST FLIGHT CONSISTED OF, A LOCKHEED OFFICIAL SAID IT INVOLVED "TESTING THE FUNCTION OF THE AIRPLANE."

HE DID NOT EXPAND.

4/26--GE658P

CPYRGHT

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HAVE TALKED TO A J. INITIAL NOTIFICATIONS MADE TO DCI ETC.
ALL INFORMAL SINCE ACCURATE DATA NOT AVAILABLE. PLS GO
AHEAD WITH ANYTHING YOU HAVE. WE CONCERNED WITH ANY INFO
RE: ALTITUDE AT EJECTION AND PARACHUTE.

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